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Najah Bazy educates campus on Islam

By Sean Gossard

Staff Writer

Noted Trans-Cultural nurse Najah Bazy gave two lectures last week as a part of the 2nd Annual Islam Awareness Week at SU.

Trans-cultural nurses are charged with the duty of ensuring that the cultural needs of every patient are met in a hospital. The trans-cultural nursing profession has been diminishing in the past few years. Currently there are only 93 trans-cultural nurses in the world.

Many people are beginning to come to the United States from all around the world, bringing with them their diverse cultures and traditions. Oftentimes these individuals do not receive the treatment they need due to their specific back-

grounds.

Bazy's first lecture dealt with the topic of trans-culture nurses and their impact on the medical community, and was geared towards SU nursing majors. She stressed the importance of cultural competency, or respect for the beliefs and backgrounds of others, in the medical care system. During her presentation she mentioned that a person's culture does not have as much of an impact on the healthcare they receive as their religion does.

Accommodation, negotiation, and refashioning are three points that should guide both those in the nursing profession and the lives of everyday individuals. She said that when serving those of different religious or cultural backgrounds, it is impor-



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Najah Bazy educates her audience on her role as a trans-cultural nurse.

tant to attempt to accommodate their needs, and if that is not possible one should negotiate a solution to the differences. In the end, it may be a

necessity to readjust in whatever sense necessary so that the patient's needs can be met. It is with these three principles she believed that any patient could be comfortable and get all the medical help they need.

"I believe that building strong trust and healthy relationships is very important when dealing with your patients," she said.

During her second lecture of the day she dealt with the topic of the role of women in Islam. She pointed out that many people not of the Islamic faith see their women as a symbol of oppression. This stereotype, she said, was inaccurate and did not truthfully portray the ideals of Islam. She explained that women were credited with many roles in the

creation of the religion and its induction throughout the world. She addressed the misconception that women are oppressed by the type of clothing they wear, and made the point that both men and women of Islam dress modestly as a form of respect to themselves.

Bazy's presentations were the first two activities on a week-long roster of events during Islam Awareness Week. The activities were called to a formal close on Friday, November 18, with a reception in the Fireside Lounge of the University Center. Officials say that this year's Awareness Week was a success, and plan on continuing the tradition next year.

Dumpster fire strikes the Old Zoo again

By Abby Smith, News Editor and Megan Wintersteen, Layout Editor

A dumpster in the Old Zoo was set on fire between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Saturday. Firefighters responded promptly and put out the blaze; no injuries were reported.

Student residents of the Old Zoo speculate that it was caused by one or more intoxicated individuals. "This is the second time I've seen that dumpster on fire," said sophomore Kevin Myers. "It really gets annoying because the fire chief questions me for no reason; it was probably some drunk kid."

This is one of many dumpster fires this semester to occur in the Old Zoo. Authorities haven't released any information on whether or not these incidents are related.



Chris Baum/The Flyer

Firefighters get in position to extinguish the dumpster fire.

Falling leaves, crisp air, simple fun



Alex Sidel/The Flyer

Two sisters enjoyed the change in weather recently by playing in the leaves outside of Henson science hall.

SU professor explores possibilities of HD radio

By Matt Walenciak
Staff Writer

Ellyn Sheffield, psychology professor at SU, is part of a research team to perfect High Definition Radio.

Sheffield had students rate the sound quality of different songs without knowing which manufacturer's equipment was used to encode or decode the digital recordings. The data was piled together and used to figure out which equipment the consumer believes sounds

the best, digital or analog.

High Definition (HD) Radio is the new form of radio that will allow radio stations to transmit their broadcasts digitally instead of analog.

According to Sheffield, the purpose of switching radio from normal analog to the new digital is "to improve reception and enhance sound quality."

"When you listen to analog radio you hear two main types of interference," she said. "The first is static

interference which is due to the terrain." The other type is "when you have adjacent channels which causes white noise and you can hear two channels mixed together."

iBiquity Digital is one of the companies that creates the technology that will allow radio broadcasting to go digital. According to iBiquity, "everything is switching over to digital these days, including cd's, dvd's, satellite TV, digital cell phones, and digital cameras."

Sheffield said that "radio has been in the works of

switching over for about the past 15 years." She believes "that it will be another 15 years until all radios switch over. This is partially because the FCC wants to keep the process slow so the consumers can have time to buy new radios and they want to make sure the coverage areas stay the same".

iBiquity plans for "an easy transition for broadcasters and consumers by using the existing infrastructure and spectrum and at the same time preserving the existing analog serv-

ice for as long as needed." This means a radio preset to 106.9 will still be tuned to 106.9 after the switch to digital and the same area will be covered.

When the switch is made, FM channels will have CD sound quality, and it will no longer have the hissing, pops, signal fades or static that intermittently affect the quality. AM channels will now sound like FM channels. There will be other benefits to HD radio beyond the sound quality.

"New HD radio products will have services such as scrolling text displayed on a radio screen with song titles, artist names, traffic updates, weather forecasts, sports scores and more" said Sheffield.

"In the future other services that might be provided include on-demand audio services, store-and-replay, and a 'buy' button for music. And best of all there are no subscription fees. It's free for consumers, just like today's analog AM and FM radio," said iBiquity.



Story Brief

Field Hockey earns national title

The Salisbury Field Hockey team won the NCAA Division III national title for the third year in a row with a 1-0 victory over Messiah on Saturday at Washington and Lee University. Tied through the first half, Brittany Elliott fed Sarah Tracey for the game's lone goal in the 41st minute. Goalie Maria Ramoundos made seven clutch saves in goal for the Gulls. Ultimately they finished the season with a record of 21-1.

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Crime beat

11/10/05
02:50 PM-03:00 PM
Indecent Exposure-A student reported observing a subject exposing his genitals on the second floor of the Blackwell Library.

11/11/05
12:58 PM
CDS Violation/ Indecent Exposure Arrest-A University Police officer making a routine patrol check in the Blackwell Library, observed a person matching the description of a subject involved in an indecent exposure that occurred in the library on 11-10-05. While speaking to the subject (non-student), the officer discovered a CDS/Paraphernalia violation. The subject was placed under arrest for the CDS violation. Subsequent investigation resulted in the subject being criminally charged for indecent exposure.

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Theft-A student reported a key ring & keys had been stolen from Fulton Hall.

11/12/05
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Disorderly Conduct-A student was evicted from the soccer game by University Police for disorderly conduct. University judicial charges pending.

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Alcohol Violation-A non-student visitor was found to be in possession of alcoholic beverages in the Devilbiss Parking Lot. The non-student is underage and was issued a civil citation.

Shore CAN provides Thanksgiving in a basket

By Meredith Maguire
Staff Writer

As the holiday season approaches, Shore CAN Volunteer Center will be donating Thanksgiving Dinner baskets to local residents who might not have a holiday meal otherwise. "This is a great opportunity to give back to the community that we live in," said Shore CAN Volunteer Angie Jones.

The baskets will be comprised of donated food items. "The donations came from local community members and include traditional holiday fixings," said Jones.

These fixings include turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and some type of holiday dessert like pumpkin pie. Assembled baskets can be brought to Jones' office located in Career Services inside the Guerrieri Center. Jones said all the baskets will be collected before Thanksgiving break and will be redistributed to local food pantries.

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This Week in History...

5 years ago

Three Amnesty International members represented SU at the 2000 Amnesty International annual Mid-Atlantic Conference in Richmond, Virginia. The students participated in workshops dealing with human rights, social injustice, the death penalty, and political prisoners. The conference ended with students and other participants marching to the mansion of the governor of Virginia to protest the use of the death penalty and laws giving persons accused of murder only 21 days to make a case for their innocence.

SU mourned the passing of alumnus Mark Andrew DeLaney. DeLaney was a member of the class of 1994, and was killed in an automobile accident. He was a graduate of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts, and received a degree in Art. He was an active member in the arts and humanities community on the Eastern Shore, and was the owner of Cuppa Coffee Shop in Ocean City. DeLaney was 25.

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News briefs

Auditions for Once Upon a Mattress

Open auditions for the musical, Once Upon a Mattress, are Monday, November 28, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Fulton Hall Room 130 at Salisbury University. Callbacks are Tuesday, November 29, at the same time and place.

All actors should be prepared to sing no more than 16 bars of a song in the style of late 1950's jazz. Actors will also be required to perform a dance audition after singing and should dress for movement.

Rehearsals begin in February. Performances are in early March.

Open House - University Writing Center at Herb's Place

The University Writing Center at Herb's Place celebrates its inaugural year with an open house, 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, November 30, in the writing center. The center, located in the Guerrieri University Center, Rm. 213, opened earlier this month to help members of the SU community improve their writing skills.

Students, faculty, and staff members are encouraged to come to the open house to learn more about the center, tour the facilities, and meet the staff. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please call the University Writing Center at 410-543-6392 or visit the website at www.salisbury.edu/uwc.

Follow-up on student who fell from third floor UP balcony

According to Salisbury city police, the unidentified man who fell off a third floor balcony at University Park on November 11 was treated at Peninsula Regional Medical Center and released. According to Lt. Rantz of the city police department, the incident occurred at approximately 11:45 p.m., appeared to be accidental, and alcohol may have been involved. The individual is estimated to be 18 years old and is a student of the University System of Maryland on the western shore.

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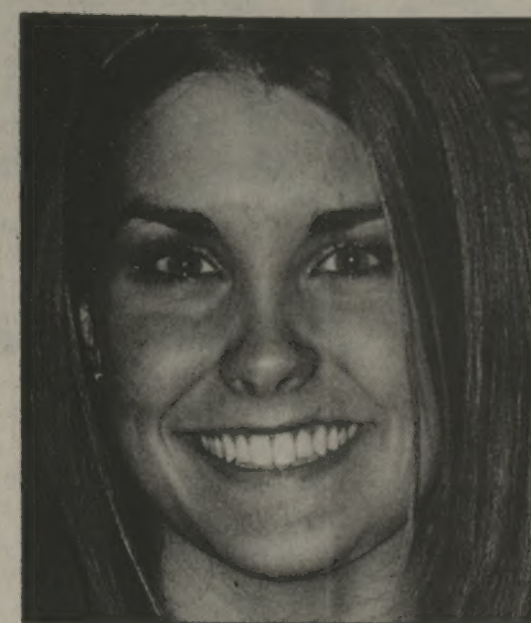
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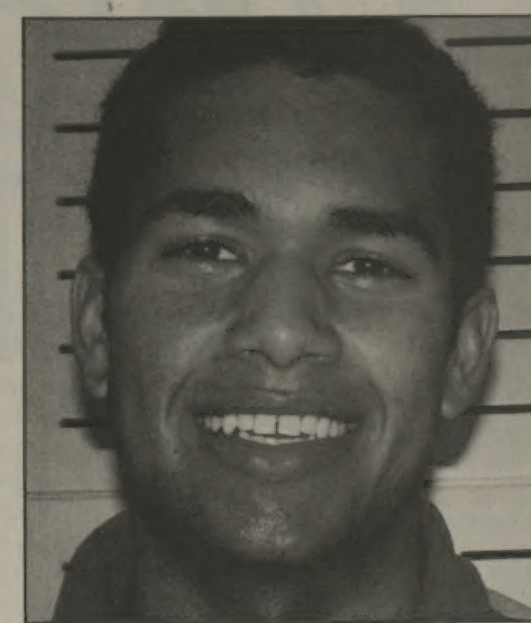
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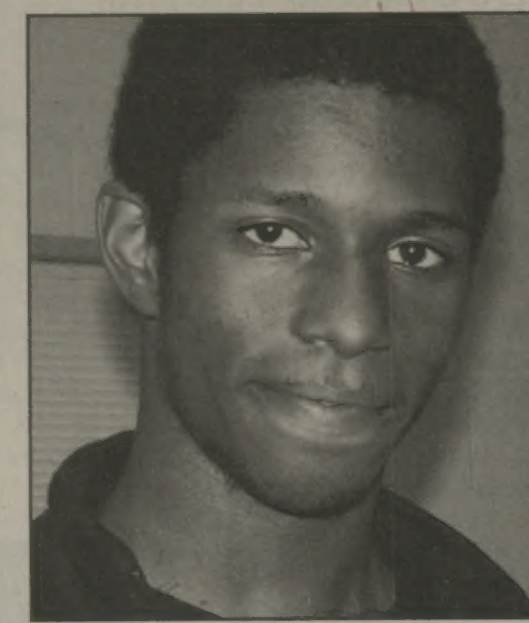
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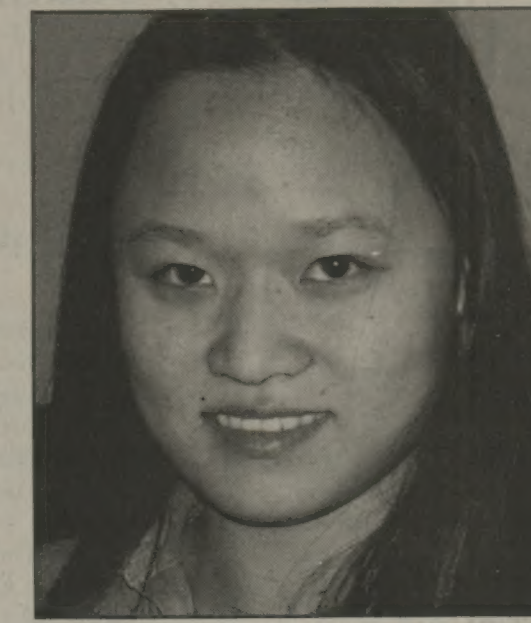
Halloween was definitely a blast. I don't think I have dressed up since I was like ten. There were a lot of crazy costumes and it made for a great weekend.
Megan Hammond, Freshman



I suppose that if I had to pick just one memory, it would be Halloween weekend. I really had a lot of fun dressing up and going out to parties with my friends.
Nathan Rutledge, Sophomore



It would be during Halloween. Everybody was going out dressed in funny costumes. I met so many new people and learned my new favorite game called flip cup.
Aaron Handy, Freshman



One of the most memorable moments during this semester for me was when I first got engaged and it finally hit me one day in class that it's going to be even harder once I get married next year.
Havi Nguyen, Sophomore

To the Editor

Student responds to editorials on off-campus housing

Yes, there are many problems with the main off campus areas referred to as the Zoo, the New Zoo and University Park. All three have been attracting student residents since before anyone currently attending SU can or should remember. Yes, problems that the areas experience are brought in with the stupidity that alcohol can create. Calling the residents of the area animals or children on a playground though is a big step over the line. It is only the actions of a few that create such a circus that all other students must contend with.

Many of the problems in the neighborhoods happen when non-residents visit the area. These people have no respect for their surroundings, maybe because of intoxication, or maybe because of pure immaturity.

Yes, the residents of the area do throw parties and invite guests to their homes. But, when deciding to host such an event, no one really says, "Hm, I hope all of these people show up at my house, trash the neighborhood, and light things on fire," do they?

As a resident in Cedar Crossing (New Zoo), I can tell you that no one supports the destruction of property in the area. The realtors have set up fines and fees for damage done to properties, even if the damage was caused by a non-resident. But, what resident would ever try to approach an inebriated subject and tell them to pick up their trash?

Some type of confrontation would be inevitable.

At the same time, I have witnessed large parties, the occasional fight, and constant loud noise. Since no one calls 911, police seldom come. If you see something wrong, instead of complaining, be proactive. Dialing 911 is fast, safe, and if you wish you can be anonymous. If you want the problem solved, the police can help solve it. But, if you are worried that they have more important things to do in the community, then don't call the police. Heck, we all know that college students are self-policing. The problem will likely solve itself.

Police already have a difficult job. When they are working in a city that has such an alarming crime rate per capita, it should be understood why they would not issue citations for every infraction found. On, perhaps they don't want to write citations because of past events. Many students don't know about the history of students and police at Salisbury.

When University Park was almost brand new, there had practically been a riot when police were trying to disperse the crowd. What had been the cause of such a violent event? Representatives from a now defunct website, P***com hosted such a bash. These people weren't even students; they weren't even locals. The person who fell from the third floor of the UP building last week was a visitor to the school. Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps

was visiting friends when he was arrested for the DUI. These three events, which are some of the most talked about by the community, all were caused by outside visitors.

There is a solution to these problems. First, the town could try prohibition. It worked so well last century, why not bring it back. Next, curfew laws can be established. Since these people act like children, handle them like children, correct? Let's break up the neighborhoods; problems seem to arise when so many students live together. Wait a minute. That is how it used to be in Salisbury.

Here is the ultimate solution: loosen the restrictions to underage drinking on campus. We have all heard the rumors of the crazy keg parties that used to occur in the dorms. If we keep these students who are usually the ones taking part in off campus crimes in their dorms, can we control what they do? At least the surrounding neighborhoods will look better.

Sarcasm aside, Salisbury University has had a long, difficult history with the community in terms of student housing off campus. The history predates all of the students, even many of the current full-time residents. Finding a viable solution to the problem though is something that will take years, if it will ever happen.

-Bob Wojtek, Senior

Can you smoke somewhere else?

By Contessa Crisostomo
Life & Style editor

It never fails. Walking into Caruthers Hall, Fulton Hall, the Commons, or any building on this campus for that matter, requires walking through a cloud of smoke to reach the entrance. What happened to the University Smoking Policy, which states that those smoking must be 20 feet away from buildings? Why, with that policy in place, do smokers continue to smoke right next to the entrances of every building?

This is an on-going problem on campus that never seems to be resolved. Yes, a policy was made, but no one seems to comply by it, nor does anyone seem to be enforcing it.

Smokers can still smoke if they want, that is their decision. In turn, they should respect non-smokers' decision to abstain from smoking by not subjecting them to the harmful chemicals found in secondhand smoke, which is defined as smoke that comes from the end of the cigarette or exhaled from a smoker.

For example, did you know that inhaling cigarette smoke, whether firsthand or secondhand, contains formaldehyde and arsenic, which are known to cause cancer? It also contains ammonia, carbon monoxide, methanol and hydrogen cyanide, all which irritate or interfere with your ability to breathe.

According to research done by the American Lung Association, secondhand smoke - or environmental tobacco smoke - is responsible for nearly 3,000 deaths by lung cancer each year, in addition to the 35,000 deaths from heart disease and

Commentary

Keeping holiday magic alive

By Laura D'Alessandro
Editor-in-chief

Thanksgiving is a holiday that will always be one of my favorites. I don't think it's the food or the whole idea behind it, giving thanks. I think it's the memories that it holds are what make it truly special for me.

I'll always remember being five or six, sitting on the green carpeting of my living room and watching the Macy's parade, waiting for my grandmother and other family members to come over. It was a day when you didn't have to expect anything from anyone, no gifts or cards or balloons, just seeing them made the day special enough.

Watching the parade was always my favorite part, seeing all the floats and wishing I was somewhere in a big city like that but still being happy in my little home with my family.

Growing older, you realize how commercialized the holiday has become and it loses some of its luster, but the memories, I hope, stay strong and keep that magical feeling alive. When we grow older life tends to get harder, families fall apart and there's more work to be done. But on Thanksgiving, we can all sit down with whoever we keep close to us and just be thankful for the memories of easier days.

I was curious as to how some of the unique students I know spend their holiday season, so I asked.

On Thursday Peter Staubs will sit down to a meal with his family and be thankful for just existing.

"Existence is a wonderful thing to be given so you should have this radical thanks for it," says the sophomore philosophy major. "I guess Thanksgiving is a Hallmark Holiday but the meaning for me is one day where people decide to show thanks for living."

The day for most people typically consists of eating large amounts of food, seeing family and close friends, watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and other family activities.

"We just have a big dinner with my parents and grandparents, its just food and company and talking all together," says Staubs.

However for some, the traditional holiday can become more unconventional. Sophomore Jasmine Wallace says she doesn't partake in the usual turkey-eating.

"I usually just eat mashed potatoes and brown gravy," the vegan says. "I don't really like vegetables and I think they put eggs in Turkey now."

But despite her change in menu, Wallace gathers with family like Staubs does and makes the day more about togetherness.

"My family gets together and they usually all make fun of me," says Wallace. "I guess it's because I'm the most 'different' one."

For Sarah Wells family togetherness is the meaning of Thanksgiving.

"My family stands around the table and we all say what we're thankful for before we eat," she says. "It is definitely a day about being together with the ones you love."

Mid-terms are over and students head home for a break. Thank goodness it's....

By Carlena Mattiello
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is widely recognized as a time to celebrate good fortune and enjoy the company of friends and family. However, this national holiday has changed greatly between now and its humble beginnings.

According to the senior historian at Plymouth Plantation, James W. Baker, Thanksgiving has no one origin. "It is based on the New England Puritan Thanksgiving, which is a religious Thanksgiving, and the traditional harvest celebrations of England and New England and maybe other ideas like commemorating the pilgrims," Baker explains. "All of these have been gathered together and transformed into something different from the original parts."

Buddles were not in style at this point in time and contrary to every kindergarten rendition of "the first Thanksgiving," clothing was quite colorful. Black and white attire existed but was saved for Sunday.

Food Historian at Plymouth Plantation, Kathleen Curtin, says that the banquet itself lasted for three days. Surprisingly, vegetables did not really play a large part in their dining experience like it does in the typical American meal today.

This was because numerous vegetables were not available to the colonists during different times of the year.

The pilgrims most likely did not have the luxury of enjoying the cakes and pies people have today simply because they did not have the supplies needed to accomplish such desserts. Curtin explains there were no ovens, so breads of any kind were out. In addition, sugar was in limited supply since it needed to be shipped from overseas, so sweet treats were a rarity to begin with.

Meat was the central aspect in their dinner spread. Turkey could have been a possibility, but only two items were known as a fact to be on the menu that year: venison and wild fowl. Curtin mentions the records of food were lost over time and to this day, historians still do not know exactly what the people ate, but believe seafood and wild game were present based on their proximity to both the Atlantic Ocean and

wooded areas.

Food was divided by the importance of the person. The more important he was, the better he ate.

Since Thanksgiving did not have a set date initially, it was celebrated whenever the harvest was ready. President Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day in 1863.

In 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt declared Thanksgiving a national holiday and it was written into law to be held on the fourth Thursday of November.

Today, Thanksgiving marks the unofficial beginning of the winter holiday season and a time to stuff oneself with hot turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade kicks off the holiday gift-seeking season along with the biggest shopping day of

the year, Black Friday.

American football has become an important aspect of the season over the years. Professional games are held every Thanksgiving as well as throughout the holiday weekend and are usually between major rivals.

However, the basics will always remain. Thanksgiving is a time to

Turkey time

Cartoon by Tom Ruch
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reflect on the successes of the past year and give thanks with friends and family for the good fortune in one's life.

Top 10 Things that Sound Dirty at Thanksgiving ... But Aren't

10. "Talk about a huge breast!"
9. "It's a little dry, do you still want to eat it?"
8. "Don't play with your meat."
7. "Just spread the legs open and stuff it in."
6. "I didn't expect everything to come at once!"
5. "You still have a little bit on your chin."
4. "How long will it take after you stick it in?"
3. "You'll know it's ready when it pops up."
2. "That's the biggest one I've ever seen."
1. "How long do I beat it before it's ready?"

Turkey Trivia

- ▶Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining.
- ▶At one time, both the turkey and the bald eagle were national symbols of America.
- ▶Turkeys sometimes spend the night in trees.

▶According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, one-sixth of the 300 million turkeys sold each year are sold for Thanksgiving.

▶They can have heart attacks. Turkeys in fields near the Air Force test areas over which the sound barrier was broken were known to drop dead from the shock of passing jets.

▶Turkeys are the only breed of poultry native to the western hemisphere.

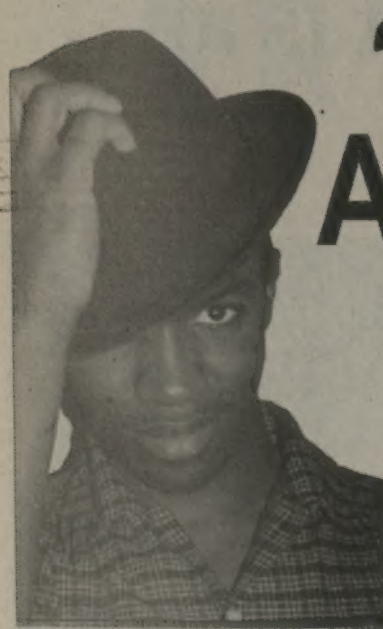
▶Age is the most important factor in the taste of a turkey. Old males are preferable to young ones. The opposite is true for females.

▶Domesticated turkeys cannot fly. Wild turkeys, however, can fly for short distances up to 55 mph. They can also reach 25 mph on the ground.

▶Turkeys have great hearing, but no external ears.

▶The ballroom dance known as the Turkey Trot was named for the short, jerky steps a turkey

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Mr. Advice

Mr. Advice answers all your questions, even private ones, in complete confidentiality. Send your questions to: kb04128@students.salisbury.edu Don't be shy, ask anything!

I recently got into a fight with my parents concerning my classes. They practically forced me to take 18 credits this semester, and now they want me to take a MINIMUM of 15 for spring 2006. I wanted to take four classes instead of six, you know, give myself a little break after working so hard. I'm literally running out of options. They threatened to cut me off financially—completely—if I didn't do as they said. I'm so sick of having to adhere to everything they say. It's like they don't want me to grow up and make my own decisions. Right now, I don't have the money to pay my own way through college. How can I get my parents to see that what they're doing is hurting me a lot when they won't listen to me in the first place?

This is probably one of the hardest questions I've ever been asked, because I do not know all aspects of this situation. It seems as though you have tried to negotiate with your parents about this but nothing changes. But the question to be asked here is, have you been "talking" or has it been arguing and yelling? And what you are asking is how you can get your parents to understand how you feel about this all. Well, unfortunately the most effective way I've noticed is direct approach and sitting them down for a discussion. To be honest, however, 14-15 credits is normal for an average course load and I'm curious as to how much they know about your schedule. I have a couple of things I'd have you ask yourself. First, have I understood at all why do they do this? Second, can I handle 15 credits after 18 credits? And third, why would they consider cutting me off financially? Put yourself in their shoes. Maybe it's a financial ordeal where they can only afford to put you in for the required amount needed and this would be to assure them that you'd graduate on time. I understand that you are hurting, but you need to convey that message to them without any kind of aggression. It's still hard to understand the full situation because I'm not sure what kind of parents they are or why they resorted to cutting off financial support. They could just be looking out for your future or they could just be hard parents in general, but whatever the case, it seems as if they are trying to probably convey a message to you as well. It's just a hunch, but maybe they just want you to work hard now so that you'll be able to have more room to play and breathe when you leave college. That motto goes "work hard now and play later," but again I understand that it is stressful. I am going through stressful classes as well and I understand that things can be rough and you may want to ease up, but if you look at it in a different light where as you get over that hill of classes, you won't have to worry as much in your final year(s). My advice to you is to take a moment and look at your layout for college classes and what you need for your major. Also realize what your parents are saying and how that'll affect your future. And if you do consider talking to them, remember to talk and not yell.

I have some bad study habits, got any suggestions?

Yeah, but it depends on what the topic is and how you operate. We'll start with topics. For example, topics that contain a lot of definitions. Good ways to study these are, you guessed it, flash cards. It may be old school, but it gets the job done nicely. For topics that contain lots of information, you may want to consider rewriting the important information. For math topics or general chemistry, working out problems is a really good way to go about things, because a lot of the time you are trying to comprehend a specific concept or an understanding of a type of problem. These are mostly ideas for certain topics and you can always switch around. Another thing you might want to do is recite the information. Usually this process involves another person who can quiz you or help you talk about it so that you fully grip what you are studying. Studying a couple days in advance is also very helpful before a test and that usually consists of about 4 or 5 days. Not everyone does that...some people study only a day ahead. Now, on to how you operate. During the course of studying, you'll want to take breaks so that your mind can reset and retain the information. Some people study with distractions or music and some don't. Some people study with others and some don't. It all depends on what works best for you. But in any case, you'll want to recite the information verbally or at least again on paper so that you know you understand the information.

Lack of AIDS awareness events on campus due to lack of student interest

By Erin Kraus
Staff Writer

December 1 marks the 18th annual World AIDS Day and the National AIDS Trust (NAT) sponsors this year's events with the theme "Wise Up and Wear It" in honor of the red ribbons that are to be worn to show solidarity with victims of HIV and AIDS. It was decided that a World AIDS Day was needed in 1988 when health ministers from all over the globe met in London, England for a Health Summit.

NAT encourages citizens to take part in AIDS awareness by participating in the "Big Five" wear it, get campaigning, wise up, get fundraising, and where's yours." First, NAT encourages everyone to wear a red ribbon on December 1. These ribbons can be ordered from the NAT official website.

Next, there are two campaigns NAT encourages citizens to sup-

port. The first one is for accessible HIV treatment for everyone. It is estimated that 95% of those living with HIV worldwide have no access to treatment, which hastens the onset of AIDS and death. Secondly, citizens can encourage their employers to introduce an HIV/AIDS policy in the workplace. Next, citizens can "wise-up." NAT feels it is important for everyone to be aware of what HIV and AIDS are and how the diseases are transmitted. It is only through education that the disease can be stopped and that the stereotypes can be quelled.

After that comes fundraising. As a non-profit organization, NAT relies on donations to help raise awareness about their cause. The simplest way to help out would be to offer a small donation. Finally, students can find out what is being done locally in honor of AIDS Awareness Day.

Surprisingly enough, Salisbury University has no plans to participate in World AIDS Day. Heather

Holmes, Director of Student Activities, says that a program was held on November 11 in the Wicomico Room called "The Campaign to End AIDS." This program included a presentation by people diagnosed with HIV who talked about living with the disease. The caravan later headed to Washington, D.C. to lobby Congress for more funding towards finding a cure and medication for those with the disease.

"The program was outstanding, but very few students were in attendance," says Holmes. Because of the lack of interest, SU has made no formal plans for AIDS Awareness Day.

In support of this theory, senior Dan Yeager says that although he thinks AIDS Awareness programs should be offered for those who are interested, he personally would not participate. "I don't know anyone with AIDS," he says, "but if someone close to me had AIDS and they

were active in it, I would show my support and help out with what they were doing."

That seems to be the general consensus among the students. Senior Carlton Cox agrees with Yeager. "Salisbury probably should participate because AIDS is a growing epidemic," says Cox, "but I probably wouldn't go to any of the programs, because they'd probably be really boring. If they sounded entertaining I might go."

Director of Health Services Jennifer Berkman says that the university tries to hold AIDS Awareness programming year-round and not just one day a year. She also points out that Student Health Services offers HIV/AIDS testing and counseling all year long.

Anyone interested in taking part in "World AIDS Day" can get more information at www.worldaidsday.org.

Bookstore director named one of 20 Women to Watch

By Contessa Crisostomo
Life & Style Editor

Lisa Gray, director of the Salisbury University Bookstore, was recently named one of The College Store Magazine's "20 Women to Watch." Gray began working at the Bookstore when she was still a student at SU in 1989. She was then promoted to manager in 2001 and is now the director. In the last few years, the Bookstore has undergone several changes, such as their location, a new security system and website.

Since you started working at the bookstore, what improvements have you seen?

By adding technologically up-to-date systems, we serve students better by ordering books online. This is also our newest location. We used to be in the Guerrier Center and since we moved, we doubled our space, which made it easier to shop. We support athletics by selling concessions at games. We sell theatre and symphony tickets online now for the box office. We have added the website [a few years ago], since we haven't had one before. Students used to only purchase books in the store. Now we get 1500-1800 orders a semester for textbooks.

In the spring of 2002, we also implemented the handheld scanning system for book buyback. It saves a couple key strokes in the computer, register tape and lines are a whole lot faster than with PCs and a cash register.

How do you respond to the criticism the Bookstore gets for the new security system?

We try to accept criticism constructively to see if things can change. We were recently criticized for the security and backpack issue. We are looking at a locker system upgrade to accommodate larger backpacks. What students should know is that we will give you the 50 cents [security deposit to put your bags into the lockers]. Yes we have a security system, but theft still occurs. We are trying to protect assets of the university. The policy is not going away, but we are looking at a new security system that will take out the turnstiles and possibly allow students to bring bags in. We just want to make the situation better for students, but we can't expect any real change until next fall.

Students' biggest complaint is book prices as well. How do you respond



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to that?

The return policy [in which books cannot be returned without a receipt] may seem strict, but that's because we have deadlines to return books to publishers. Our prices are standard in this industry. We can't compare to students buying from students, but with other college bookstores, we are comparable.

Do you enjoy your job?

I do enjoy my job. I like the people I work with. They're a great staff and they get the job done. I like that clients change over the years. I meet a lot of people and they remember us for the things we do for them. I also like that it's a variety of work. I don't do the same thing every day or just sit behind a desk. There's always a new challenge.

Bias is a passenger

It's always in the next seat as we think of race and poverty

By Corey Yow
Freelance Writer

It is often said that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. But so is judgment. Who presumably is more

credible? A first-generation American broadcast major at Saint John's University, a minority computer science major at Salisbury University or a high school senior who reads more than the average librarian.

Three strikingly different students with three things in common: they hold education in high regard, they all have impressionable young minds and they all agree that the

government's response to Hurricane Katrina, was slow. They are Americans but cannot fathom the lives of those 37 million people who still live under the American poverty line. Why is it that they all get the same facts but interpret them differently? Something drives their decision-making process and bias is a passenger.

What most people fail to realize or accept is that everybody holds bias.

"Even before you present somebody with all necessary information, they have already filtered it through colored glasses," said Salisbury University psychology professor Elynn Sheffield. If this is true, then it is no surprise that SU student Jacoby Tyler feels minorities, particularly blacks, have always been

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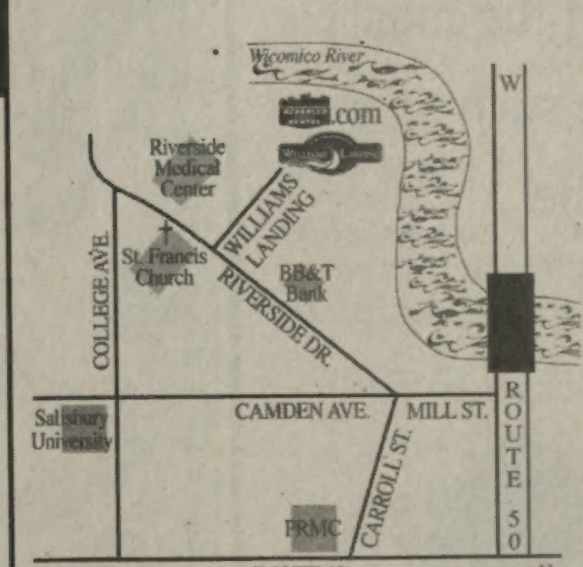


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Do you know this student?

BIAS: Students reactions to the Katrina response

reated poorly. He says the government's response to Hurricane Katrina wasn't slow because the victims were poor but because they were black. "Anytime officials of the world's superpower say they don't have enough resources or manpower to save everyone, there is a problem," Tyler said.

According to Sheffield, people come to decisions based on their backgrounds and ideals instilled in them as children. Tyler's parents are both moderate, pro-minority District of Columbia Democrats. "I'm not whining over the Bush administration like most Democrats have been doing for the past five years," he said, "but they really screwed up this time." A moderate, like his parents, Tyler noted that governors of Mississippi and Louisiana declared a state of emergency the Friday before the Monday Katrina actually swept the region. "That is unacceptable," he said about the delay in response. "And we call ourselves a Christian nation."

But no matter what side of the political spectrum you're on, it's hard to argue that the government's response to Hurricane Katrina was acceptable. President Bush admitted it and even took blame. "Now that it's understood that there was a glitch in the system, I'm sure the government will fix it," said Darlinda Minor, a first-generation American of Jamaican ancestry, and a Republican.

Minor, 22, was relocated from Xavier University in New Orleans to Saint John's University in New York City. "I don't think it's because the people were black that the government took so long," she says. "I think it was more of [the hurricane victims'] socio-economic status. Take Sept. 11, for example, "When the [twin towers] were hit," she said, "the government didn't care who was black or white. They cared about the green money, the economy."

Sheffield explained that most immigrant minorities don't have much animosity for the U.S. government because they don't have a direct history of discrimination with the United States. She suggested that's why Minor feels the slow Katrina response was because

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Elyn Sheffield
SU Psychology Professor

the victims were poor. Sheffield said Minor and most immigrant minorities feel as if they can't possibly be judged by the color of their skin; maybe their economic status, but not their race.

"Immigrant children are far more diligent and hardworking than American children, they believe they can do anything," the psychology professor added. "And they tend to string along with the status quo."

Brian McMullen, on the other hand, is certain he's not being strung along. He's a 17-year-old unofficial Independent. "When I vote, I'll vote for who I want, not along specific party lines. Too many people do that," he said.

McMullen believes the government was just unprepared for Hurricane Katrina. "I don't think they realized the enormity of the situation," he said. "We've never had a disaster of this magnitude before." Sheffield agreed, saying, "it's true that the government was ill-prepared, but can any administration be prepared for something like this? We fear the unknown and this was definitely unexpected."

Sheffield said McMullen is the type who takes things at face value. He won't assume or imply anything. This goes hand-in-hand with the beliefs of the Independent political party.

His parents are both moderate voters, with "just a hint" of conservatism. "They're definitely Christians," he said, "but nothing was ever forced upon me."

Sheffield said that McMullen is more of a freethinker who plays it

safe. This is confirmed, she said, by his decision not to take a racial or economic stance for why he thinks the government took so long to respond to the needs of the hurricane victims.

Specifically, he blames the U.S.-led war in Iraq for the government's lapse in response. "My brother is in the National Guard," he said, "but instead of guarding the nation, he's in Iraq. The war has definitely put a hamper on relief efforts."

As far as how the United States treats its poor, McMullen feels the country should do a lot better. He said the current conservative government represents the notion that "we help those who help themselves. There are no checks and balances; conservatives are the majority in Congress and on the bench." He questions whether the United States has a true democracy.

Society learns over time. We look at patterns and make presumptions—that's how we navigate through life, Sheffield said.

Tyler knows that blacks have an oppressive history in this nation. They were enslaved for 200 years, and, he said, they are still discriminated against. He simply read history, or learned over time, made a presumption, and now holds that presumption close to his heart.

Minor feels that nobody can hold her back. Her parents struggled to get to the United States she said, and she doesn't want to disappoint them. "This is the only country where you can come from nothing and make something for yourself—I'm definitely taking advantage of that," Sheffield said that immigrants just refuse to surrender to racial barriers.

McMullen, the freethinker, just doesn't see a hidden agenda. If it's not stated, he doesn't assume it. No digging under barriers for him. Is he shallow? No. "Taking things at face value is perfectly legitimate," Sheffield said.

Three strikingly different students with three more commonalities: they all have bias, they've all evaluated America's treatment of the poor, and they all agree that America has made progress, but still has a long way to go.

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Sophanes president is an asset to SU theatre

By Stephanie Sokerka
Staff Writer

Senior Karen Muller has a lot on her plate this semester as president of Sophanes, SU's student-run theatre club, and oversees many of the productions performed at SU when she serves as stage manager. Muller has been interested in drama for many years. She has interned at a prestigious opera house in Iowa and hopes to have a career in lighting production for theatres.

When did you realize that you wanted to be involved with theatre arts?

I always enjoyed theatre, but I didn't really start getting involved with it until my sophomore year here. I heard that SU had a theatre major, so I switched my major from psychology to theatre. They have a great program here.

You have done a lot of work, both on stage and off. Which one do you prefer?

Even though I'm a technician, performing is definitely fun. I appreciate it as an art form and I know it's a lot of hard work. I think acting is fun as a hobby, but career-wise, I like working backstage. It's amazing to work on a concept, build it, and then see it come alive. It's very rewarding. It changes the way you watch a professional show and you get a better appreciation for the entire production.

You got the opportunity to intern at an Opera House recently, how was that?

The faculty here really encouraged me to get some hands-on experience in the theatre field. They were very helpful in the process. I was accepted into the Des Moines Metro Opera in Iowa. It is a very prestigious Opera company. It was great to work with real professionals and gain real experience. My first year there I built all the props for all the shows. This past summer I worked on the electric crew. I got to program all the lighting into the board, and it was a great experience because



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that is what I want to do.

Every year Sophanes performs a Christmas show. What can we look forward to this holiday season?

This year's show is "The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever." It's a family show that everyone can enjoy. This year, the show's profits are being split up. Half of it will go to Sophanes and half of it is going to Toys for Tots. I think it's a great idea to do a fundraiser because it shows the community that college students are family oriented and want to help other people.

What are your plans as a group next semester?

In May, we are putting on a huge show. Everything is conducted by the students; it is student-directed and student-designed. We will be performing "A Murder at the Howard Johnson's." It's a slapstick comedy about a love triangle. We're also putting on a musical in March.

We will be doing "Once upon a Mattress," which is a musical version of "The Princess and the Pea." Auditions are the Monday after Thanksgiving, and rehearsals begin in February.

What advice can you give students who want to pursue a career in theatre?

I would say that even if students are interested they should come out and see one of the shows. The faculty in the theatre department is extremely approachable and they have many resources available to them. If a student is interested in a certain aspect of the department, such as costume design or make-up, they can go to the theatre website and find the professor who handles that department. We definitely like new people and they don't need to be a theatre major to be in a show. Sophanes meetings are Wednesdays at 4:30 in Fulton Hall 203.

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Revitalizing downtown Salisbury

Students hope to influence community vision of plaza area

By Stephanie Sokerka
Staff Writer

Downtown Salisbury defines the heart of its city. It offers things such as the beautiful Wicomico River, art and cultural exhibits, including the Art Institute & Gallery, and several retail businesses and while this slew of historic culture may be appealing to some community members, it doesn't exactly scream excitement to the students of SU.

"I went there once and that was only because I had to go to the IRS building," said junior Celina Ryan.

"There's nothing that really attracts students to go there. Students are not going to walk around for no reason," Ryan added.

One recent study showed that only 9% of Salisbury residents come Downtown daily; 29% said they come 3 to 6 times a week, and 14% said they come once or twice a week.

Based on the results of this study The Salisbury City Council has realized the need for a more modern touch to Downtown Salisbury. Therefore, the Council has recently determined that a Downtown enhancement strategy was needed to further revitalize Downtown

Salisbury.

The Salisbury Downtown Action Agenda incorporates the desires, preferences, and concerns expressed by the people of Salisbury for downtown.

While putting together the Salisbury Downtown Action Agenda, community members agreed that they want a Downtown that not only looks healthy but is healthy. Their desired downtown was described as being, "The center of activity, the hub of the City, and the heart and soul of the community."

However, would these changes attract students?

"When a survey was conducted with SU students, it seemed to be a general consensus that more youth oriented business needed in Downtown Salisbury."

"Everything is so out of date down there, they need to make it more modernized," said sophomore Jenny McDaniel.

Junior Adam Miller agreed, "They need a bar with some pool tables, maybe a small dance floor, they definitely don't need any more restaurants in Salisbury," he said. "We need places where students can go and have fun."

A series of discussions and meetings were held to define the community's preferred vision on Downtown Salisbury—as it would ideally exist in the year 2007.

By the year 2007, Downtown's goal is to have no vacancies and enough retail and restaurant choices so people stay Downtown during the day and return at night and on the weekends.

The council is also pushing for the old theater on Downtowns strip to be renovated and turned into a new performing arts center for the city. Most recently they have enlisted the help of Salisbury born Mike Sidel of The Weather Channel to help raise the millions of dollars that will be needed to revamp the old theater.

However, students feel that if the council is going to revitalize Downtown Salisbury, which is now home to many college students, their input should be taken into consideration.

"I think it would be nice if there were some stores that students could relate to and shop in, the only thing they have down there now is antiques," said junior Lauren Appleby.

Junior Katherine Bandula expressed her opinions as well.



A view of traditional downtown Salisbury.

Kyle Sherman/The Flyer

"If they want students to venture into Downtown Salisbury, they need to build things that students will enjoy. I think there should definitely be a hip-dance club because there

are none in Salisbury," said Bandula. As for now, both students of SU and community members will have to await the new changes being made to Downtown Salisbury. But

whether it is filled with clubs, hip stores, or new historical museums, the fact still remains that Salisbury is trying to make their city a better place for everyone.

Talented local youths impresses campus



Chris Baum/The Flyer

By Erin Kraus
Staff Writer

This past Thursday the Salisbury Youth Symphony Orchestra held its annual Fall Concert in Holloway Hall.

The Salisbury Youth Symphony Orchestra, different from the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra in that the youth orchestra is comprised of local kids ranging from the ages of 10-18. The purpose behind the symphony is to give talented local young musicians the opportunity to perform in a concert setting.

There are also several adult

musicians placed throughout the group to help the youths along. These adults act as their mentors and teachers showing them they art in hopes that one day there will join the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Jeffrey Schoyen who also conducts the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra conducts the children in the youth orchestra.

Dr. Schoyen has been a member of the Opera Orchestra of New York, Pittsburgh Opera Orchestra, Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, and Principal Cellist of the Filarmonica del Bajio in Mexico. He has also taught at the

University of Nebraska and the University of Dayton. His vast experience, gives the young musicians an opportunity to work with a professional musician.

During the performance on Thursday the kids showcased their talents by including pieces by famous musicians such as Mendelssohn, Mozart, and Strauss.

Their level of talent and willingness to tackle the classics was a testament to their professionalism and potential.

The kids work hard all year-round and meet every Thursday evening to practice.

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THEME: The Year of Languages

33rd annual Senior Art Show to display in Fulton Art Gallery

By Josh Hughes
Staff Writer

This year's senior art show marks the 33rd year SU seniors have had the chance to display their work for their peers and the public to view and it is being hosted in the University Gallery of Fulton Hall.

SU's graduating Bachelor of Arts seniors are currently displaying their work, which represents the pinnacle of their accomplishments in SU's art program.

The exhibit is divided into two sections. The first section opened on Friday, features the works of 14 Bachelor of Arts students. This exhibit will be on display until December 2nd when the second half opens to highlight seven Bachelor of Fine Arts students from December 7th until December 17th.

The show is being organized by six students from the senior seminar class; a class which is required to be taken by all graduating seniors. The members on the exhibition committee are Susan Hobson, Brendan Glancey, Jen Larkin, Jess Reier, Brian Binkley, and Sara Muncy.

Although the flyers being distributed allude to a prize fighter theme, the work being displayed is a collection



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Sarah Muncy hangs her paintings for the Senior Art Show in the Fulton Gallery.

tion of works which the participating students feel is their best.

Fine and Graphic art is displayed on the walls of the gallery, and sculptures are presented in glass cases on the viewing floor.

All graduating seniors are required to submit six pieces for the art show, and the committee picks the best submissions to showcase.

The Senior Art Show serves to present works from the different disciplines of drawing, painting, ceramic sculpture, photography, graphic design, and glass blowing in a single exhibit. It represents the artistic accomplishments experienced by all graduating Art majors at SU.

"It lets us display our work and show our accomplishments," comments a member of the exhibition committee.

Each art exhibit will feature a reception with refreshments for the featured artists.

The BA reception is scheduled for Friday, December 2nd at 6 p.m. The BFA reception is scheduled for Friday, December 9th at 6 p.m. Standard gallery hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday, and 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday - Sunday. The gallery is closed Mondays and on holidays.

As always the gallery is free for SU students and open to the public.

"It lets us display our work and

Studying abroad proves to be a rewarding experience

Stephanie Sokerka
Staff Writer

Emily Reeks stares out of the airplane window as she watches the objects become smaller and smaller. As the plane glides down the runway, she holds on tight. Her mind is filled with excitement, wonder, and anxiousness. She looks out the window again. The plane steadily passes through the infinite white clouds. As she closes her eyes, she dreams of her landing destination. When she wakes up, she will be in a new country and ready to embark on an exciting, new phase of her life. She thinks back to the day when her dream seemed impossible to obtain.

Emily, a senior at Salisbury University, decided early on in her college career that she wanted to study in Australia. She wanted to experience the lifestyles of another country. "I actually decided I wanted to study abroad my freshman year because I love to travel and I was jealous that my brother had done it," says Emily. "I wanted to see why he was always ranting about it."

However, she knew the process of studying abroad was not an easy one. It involved endless meetings, official papers and making sure credits transferred. Also, the emotional decision to leave home and live in another country for several months was not an easy one. These were all things that could be overwhelming to any student. But Emily was sure of one thing: she needed to start her long process in the office of Rob Hallworth, the director of International Education at Salisbury University.

"I do advising of all kinds. I try to find administrative programs, and make sure the linguistic process is taken care of," says Rob. "I also work with faculty members to set up more programs for Salisbury University."

"It is with Rob that the dream of studying abroad becomes obtainable for most students."

"I started meeting with Rob and going to the study abroad fairs that Salisbury offers," says Emily. "Then I had to decide what school, what program and what classes I wanted to choose. The whole process was a little overwhelming," says Emily.

Rob agrees that although the process can be tedious, some students cannot handle the situation of living alone in another country. "Ninety-nine percent have the best experience of their lives, but there are the exceptions," says Rob. "I had one student who went to Ireland on a full scholarship. She got there and was on a plane to come back home within twenty-four hours because she was so



Photo Courtesy of Armando Santiago

Plaza de la Merced located in Malaga Spain is a place where students from the study abroad program relaxed after a day of schoolwork.

homesick."

Leaving home for an extended period of time to live in a country on your own can be haunting for students. Throughout the process, many students are bogged with fears and doubts of leaving.

"I'm worried that I'm going to struggle really hard with the change of language," says junior Celina Ryan. "It's very overwhelming because there's so much to do in so little time. There's a lot to worry about like whether the credits will transfer or not. But I know in the end it will all be worth it."

Recent statistics show that more Salisbury students are taking an interest in studying abroad.

"Usually four to five percent of the graduating class will have studied abroad at one point in their college career," says Rob. "Compared to other schools, Salisbury University has a good amount of students studying abroad."

From the grueling process of meetings with advisors and faculty, to applying for a passport, all students agree studying abroad is worth the overwhelming process. "I want to live that lifestyle again. It was the ultimate learning experience and I think everyone should do it," says Alessandra.

Students such as Emily and Alessandra have already ventured to a world unknown. However some are still awaiting their departure. For Celina, who plans to travel to Spain this spring, her dream lies in the palm of her hand. "I have wanted to do this for so long, and it is finally happening. It feels really good to follow through with a dream of mine," says Celina.

It was noted in Washington, D.C., that since 1992 the number of students studying abroad has more than doubled from 71,154 to 174,629, an increase of 145 percent. "I'm gratified to see the continued growth in numbers of American students studying overseas," says Patricia Harrison, the State Department's assistant secretary for educational and cultural affairs. "It is a sign that young Americans clearly recognize the crucial role they will play in leading our nation into a world even more interdependent than it is today."

It's true that not only are young Americans taking the leap of faith

to study abroad, they're also gaining perspective from it. "I learned a lot about myself, like who I really was, and what I could really handle," says Emily. "I learned that I can survive pretty well on my own and that I can do it somewhere other than Maryland." For many students, this revelation is a new and exciting experience.

However, no matter how amazing the experience was, there is a common regret in almost all students who have studied abroad: coming home. Alessandra Calcaro, a junior, studied in Florence, Italy. Last spring and cannot wait to return.

"I regret coming home, and now we shouldn't talk about how bad of a throwing QB you are. So what happened against Green Bay, at home, nonetheless? They were spanked like a redheaded stepchild. And the last time you played in a meaningful game, in Philly last January, what were you doing? That's right, getting rocked by Darwin Walker and picked off by Jeremiah Trotter. But, you know, you're beating hapless teams like the Saints, Jets and Vikings, and I'm just a stupid writer who's used to QBs hitting receivers, not the water boy 16 yards out of bounds, but what do I know?"

Texas Longhorn Football. Kicking a field goal at the end of the half when already up 49-0 in Kansas at home alone puts them in this category. Plus, the Big 12 is weak. And USC will drop around 50 on them in the Rose Bowl. That's not a prediction, it's a fact.

Texas Longhorn Basketball. I'm sorry, but they should never be in the same sentence as "...is my pick to win it all." They're going to choke, they always do. Besides, Rick Barnes is their coach, for crying out loud.

The State of Texas. You gave us George W. Bush. I'll give you a giant middle finger and a Ro-sham-bo.

Anything Duke. First, that many experts picked Sheldon Williams to be the National Player of the Year shows how either the college ranks are or how brainwashed everyone is. Second, remember Trajan Langdon? Exactly, J.J., that's the path God has chosen for thee; get used to it. Finally, enough of the Coach K American Express commercials. If we all had three secret kills like the

November 21, 2005



By Kevin Froehlich
Sports Editor

Remember, it was only the Dolphins

By Kevin Froehlich
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President, I wouldn't hesitate to use one there.

The Pittsburgh Steelers. What's the old saying? "Once in an accident, twice is a coincidence, three times is a trend?" Three times since 1995 they've hosted the AFC title game, and three times they've lost. Until a victory, they're nothing more than a poor man's Buffalo Bills.

The Indianapolis Colts. This one may be taken off the market soon but...they still have Peyton Manning, they still love to choke in the playoffs, and it's only November. All we can do is cross our fingers and hope.

Leonardo DiCaprio. No real reason, I just hate the guy.

Tracey McGrady. Hey, there is such a thing as the second round. All I'm saying is, great players will find a way to get there. Look at KG, he did, and now he's legit.

The MVP award. We live in a time where all an athlete has to do is be mediocre for most of his career, then have one spectacular season and he'll be given the MVP (see Kevin Mitchell), or just focus on one part of their game and neglect everything else (see Steve Nash). Stop penalizing start like Shaq and Albert Pujols just like Jordan was in the '90s because they're consistently the best.

As Spike Lee said, "Do the right thing."

Buckner's error. First, the bullpen blew a two-run, two-out lead. Second, it's on the manager for not taking the aging star out. Third and most importantly, there was still a Game 7 to be played! But let's be honest, they were playing the Amazon's, quite possibly the greatest New York team ever. The Sox were going to lose no matter what.

Steve Bartman. See above, minus my whole self-gratification with tales of Meez lore thing.

Jay-Z. Nas is so much better. And of course, Myself. Let's see, where shall I begin? I once contemplated buying a Mike Mamula jersey, I bought Tango and Cash on DVD, I like hockey, I said Carmelo would turn out to be a better baller than LeBron, I still think 1997 was three years ago, I purchased both Skee Lo's and The Verve's CD, I was so thoroughly convinced Bill Pulsipher was the future of the Mets I had his name tattooed right above my heart...

SPORTS

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Men's round ball laces up for new season

By Angelo Torres
Copy Editor

The 2005-06 Salisbury Sea Gulls enter this season nine months removed from their 54-55 defeat at Catholic. Symbolizing a season marked by jet injuries and inexperienced replacements, the Gulls left D.C. that evening licking both their wounds, and their chops, to get back on the hardwood.

And so begins Coach Steve Holmes and company's year. All indications are that the team is both healthy and focused on capturing a CAC championship and an NCAA bid. However, the journey will be supremely challenging.

With a record of 10-16 last year, Salisbury looks to erase those memories with familiar faces. They return six players who have seen time in starting roles, including last year's key injuries, captains Ray Williams and Derrick Washington.

Holmes will count on this duo's leadership and scoring ability to carry the Gulls.

Commenting on Williams, Holmes said, "[Ray] got a lot of tools. We want the ball in his hands when we try to ice games."

The junior Captain, (12.6 ppg) when healthy, was a mainstay in the scoring column. Playing in just about a quarter of last year's games, Williams' return will be integral to improve Salisbury's CAC 7th place

finish.

Suited up in his last season, is senior Derrick Washington (26.6 min/g). Holmes is enthusiastic about having him back and admits: "I'm a big Derrick Washington fan."

Washington in the backcourt provides the stability of leadership the Gulls need for the rigorous road ahead in CAC play.

The Sea Gull bench is both deep and talented enough to withstand the arduous schedule and Holmes admits he's not afraid to play everybody. "I'll try to get eleven guys in, even if it's for a couple of minutes."

According to Holmes, the squad has benefited from

highly competitive, pre-season practices. "When you play competitive practices you play competitive games," Holmes asserted.

Justin Rice (9.5 ppg) and Kyle Harmon (7.3 ppg) have come a long way since their difficult freshman year.

Now the seniors are back, with Washington, to finish their careers on a high note under the watchful eyes of their coach.

"I'm proud to coach them," said Holmes of his seniors. "I'm here to make it their most rewarding season."

In this sixth season as head basketball coach at Salisbury, Holmes continues to preach his "pressure" philosophy. He wants his team to be able to play well at "two speeds," and apply their press upon made baskets.

"If we stop a defense and rebound, we like to get fast breaks, [but we also] like our set offense," Holmes explained. Last year the Gulls were good for 65.3 ppg, while allowing 67.3.

The Gulls offense, characterized as "deliberate" at times, will attempt to control the time of possession with crisp passing, a low turnover rate, and patient shot selection.

Scoring the baskets was the specialty of one Segun Odueru last year. Odueru (15.8 ppg), is back as last year's scoring leader. Odueru's efforts earned him second team all-Capital Athletic Conference honors.

December 10th SU will host York; February 1 they host Gallaudet; and February 15th Catholic comes to town for the Coaches vs. Cancer game.

After beginning their season this weekend in Baltimore in the Maryland Pride Tournament, the Gulls will play their season opener Monday, November 28th against Virginia Wesleyan at 7pm in Maggs Gym.

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Team leader and record holder: Ray Williams

By Noah Wood
Staff Writer

Junior point guard Ray Williams, of Hanover, MD, has played basketball for SU for the past three years and he currently leads the Sea Gulls in many areas. He is a team leader in field goals (6 field goals), scoring (18 points average), rebounds (30), free throws made (5 out of 6, which is about .833%) and assists (2). Williams has made exemplary contributions to the Sea Gulls in his strong efforts, performances, and teamwork.

How long have you been playing basketball? Nineteen years.

Did you play in high school? If so, how well did you all consistently perform? Also, list any awards or honors for you or your team if you recall

any. I was all-county 1st Team, won the Dick Hart award for the county.

What do you think of the SU team so far this season? Its looking good. We will definitely be better than we were for my previous two seasons.

Have you earned any awards/honors playing for SU? I won the MVP for the team as a freshman, and Player of the Week for the CAC.

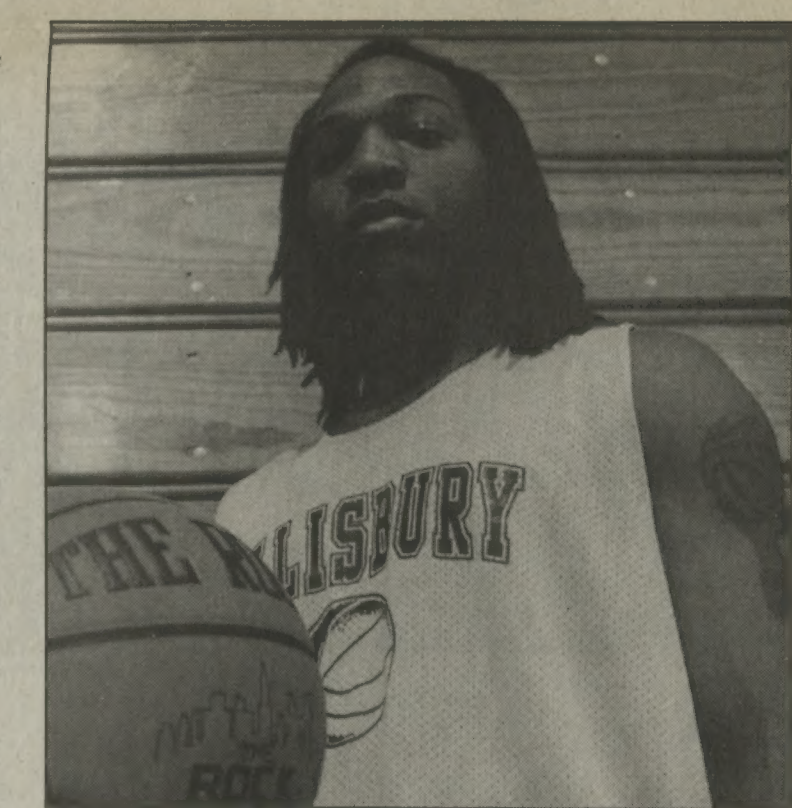
What are your team goals for the season? Twenty wins; make the NCAA Tournament.

Do you have any personal goals this season? If so, what are they? Make my teammates better and do what I need to do for us to win. I want to improve on all aspects of my game.

What are your plans after SU? Do you see basketball playing a significant role in any of it?

Of course, I'm gonna try to do what I have been doing all my life. I can't see myself sitting behind a desk working a nine-to-five so I'm definitely going to try to hoop for as long as I can.

These next couple of questions are to help the readers get to know you better: First, what are some of your other interests and hobbies beyond the court? I like to play NBA Live 2006. I'm a beast.



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Women's basketball shoots for success

By Aaron Boker
Staff Writer

Salisbury women's basketball is eyeing another strong season this year. The Sea Gulls are looking to build on breaking .500 (13-13) and an appearance in the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) final. Last season, they fell to Mary Washington 84-62 in the finals and were left one game short of a CAC title and NCAA berth.

"I think it's the experience [of reaching the final game] and they know what it takes to get there," said coach Bridgett Benshetler in a press interview.

Salisbury has a lot of experience returning, which includes three starters and nine letter-winners. Senior Christen Barney is back running the floor at point guard, she led the team in scoring last year with 12 points per game and was tied for the team lead in steals with 44.

The Sea Gulls also return their two big twin towers senior and All-CAC first team forward Kiera Watkins and sophomore center Kat Kordal. Watkins contributed 10.7 points and 7 rebounds per game while Kordal added 9.8 points and 6.1 rebounds per game while leading the team in blocks with 18.

On top of three starters returning, a lot of experience returns from last season's bench to fill in the other two starting spots and contribute minutes. Junior forward Meghan Klug, plus junior guards Megan Dowdy, Katie MacFarland, Jessica Mills, and

Jenna Peters and sophomore guard Meghan Phillips return. The six veterans averaged 26.8 points per game amongst themselves coming off the bench and occasionally starting last season.

"I feel really good about the players coming back," said Benshetler. "Everyone seems to be improving their roles. They did a lot of work over the summer and worked very hard in the preseason and it has paid off."

The only starter the Lady Sea Gulls lost from last season, technically isn't gone. Last year's senior captain Gen Olds returns to the squad as an assistant coach which should be a great asset to the team. Salisbury also gave itself a tough schedule heading into the season that includes three weekend tournaments that could prove to be beneficial when the post-season approaches.

"We always try to schedule the toughest games out of our region," said Benshetler. "It really doesn't matter, because (the CAC) is a tough conference, the strongest in basketball from top to bottom. Our schedule is strong and solid; it needs to be because every game is tough in basketball."

Between the experience from last season's post-season run in March, and the starters and letter-winners that return, the Sea Gulls will be a potent threat on the court in both non-conference and CAC play. Salisbury will be a fun team to watch this season.

Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's football team ended the season on a high note, defeating Franklin and Marshall, 27-23, to claim the ECAC Southeast Championship. The victory was the first ECAC Bowl victory for the Gulls, who were making their first ECAC bowl appearance since a 20-10 loss to Albright back in 1995.

Salisbury (8-3) scored first on a four-play 80 yard drive that was capped off by quarterback Travis Peters (134 yards rushing and 4-9 passing for 47 yards), who scored on a 5-yard scamper into the end zone. The Gulls defense halted Franklin and Marshall on their next possession, forcing them to line up to punt the ball away on a fourth and nine. However, the Diplomats caught the Gulls off-guard and

Salisbury's first possession of the second quarter was highlighted by two long runs, a 29-yard rush from David Leonard, and an 18-yard dash from Leroy Satchell, which culminated into a 7-yard touchdown run for Satchell. Satchell had 142 rushing yards on the day to lead the team.

Brock Boland was unable to convert the extra point to tie the game and left the Gulls down by one 14-13. Franklin and Marshall would answer once again on their next possession driving 48 yards down the field to set up a 31-yard field goal by Brandon Kline. Salisbury pulled back within one, at 17-16, with a 36-yard Boland field goal, closing the half with a 14 play, 66 yard drive.

Byron Westbrook returned the second half kickoff for what seemed to be an 88-yard touchdown, and it would have been if it were not for a

ble, giving the ball back to the Gulls offense at the Diplomats 47 yard line. The Gulls turned the turnover into another three points after Boland made another field goal putting the Gulls up for good at 27-17. Franklin and Marshall drove a couple of times but were unable to

get into the end zone and settled for field goals. In the end the Gulls defense was able to hold the Diplomats and secure the victory for Salisbury.

Ultimately the Gulls finished out the season with pride and a ECAC Southeast Championship title.



Chris Baum/The Flyer

Travis Peters goes for the quarterback keeper to pick up a first down.

snapped the ball to Rick Dunlap who sprinted 42 yards up the middle virtually untouched. The Diplomats cashed in on the next play off a Jeff Harner 11-yard rush to tie the score at 7-7.

Salisbury tried to respond on their next possession, but the drive ended suddenly when Ronnie Curley fumbled the ball on the Gulls own 41 yard line. After a 36-yard pass and catch from Harner to Marc DeSimone to put the Diplomats on the goal line, Harner called his own number again finding pay dirt for the second time in the quarter.

personal foul penalty. The Gulls showed some resilience moving the ball down the field, ending with Peters connecting with Chris Newton for the 14-yard touchdown.

The Gulls were able to convert the two point try to go up 24-17. The Diplomats refused to go away, after it appeared that their drive had stalled they utilized the fake punt for the second time in the game, this time rushing for 34 yards straight up the gut. Andrew Deming and the Gulls defense were able to force Marc Patricelli to fum-



Chris Baum/The Flyer

Leroy Satchell dives in for a touchdown during SU's victory over the Diplomats on Saturday.



Chris Baum/The Flyer

QB Travis Peters looks to pass during SU's bowl game against the Diplomats on Saturday.

SU Field Hockey captures national title again



Internet Photo

By Kevin Froehlich
Sports Editor

That's right, the Salisbury field hockey team won the NCAA Division III national title. Again.

The Sea Gulls clinched their third consecutive championship with a 1-0 victory over Messiah on Saturday at Washington and Lee University's Hall Field. SU finished the season 21-1.

Statistically, Messiah outplayed the Sea Gulls, taking the edge in shots (17-12) and penalty corners (12-6). However, where it really counted — the scoreboard — SU dominated.

Tied through the first half, Brittany Elliott fed Sarah Tracey for the game's lone goal in the 41st minute. Goalie Maria Ramondos made seven clutch saves in goal for the Gulls.

By Matt Petersen
Staff Writer

Major League Baseball, the owners, and the players union have agreed on a new steroid policy for the upcoming season. The policy is a big step for major league baseball toward cleansing itself completely of steroids. The previous punishments for steroid offense were considered quite relaxed by many, but these new stricter rules put any doubt of baseball's desire to rid

itself of steroids to rest.

The new policy calls for a 50 game suspension for the first offense, a 100 game suspension for the second and a lifetime ban if a player gets caught using steroids three times. This is a far cry from the recent rule change which set the first offense punishment at 10 days.

Baseball has, once again, shown its class. Commissioner Bud Selig, the owners, and even the players union have decided that steroids need to be out of baseball and they have taken very aggressive steps to ensure steroid use will not continue.

This is the reason Major League Baseball has existed so long and the reason it is so well respected. The MLB has a long history of being

very strict on any infractions. In the early 1900's gambling was become a problem in baseball, so commissioner Kennesaw Mountain Landis decided to throw eight of the games best players out of the league forever because they purposefully lost the world series. Every commissioner has upheld this decision. Not one of those players will ever make the Hall of Fame because baseball will not risk any players thinking it is remotely okay to gamble on baseball or associate with gamblers.

For example, Pete Rose the major league hits leader, is not in the Hall of Fame because he gambled. The point of baseball is to get hits, and he got the most of them, but every commissioner knows the reputation

of baseball will be tarnished if Pete Rose is allowed in the hall of fame.

Steroids are this decade's big problem, and this problem must be addressed if baseball wants to keep its reputation. The commissioner, owners, and the players are addressing this problem in a very aggressive manner, and I am confident it will be resolved soon.

Baseball stands by its decisions, and this consistency and integrity is what makes the league and the game great. Baseball does have its problems, but Major League Baseball deals with its problems, and that is why it is America's pastime, and not just a sport.

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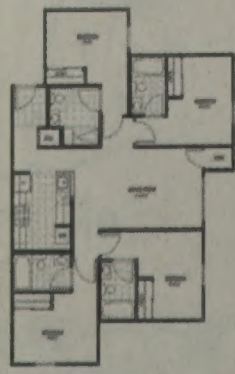
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